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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Stanford University , Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2015-2016)
EDUCATION	The University of Texas at Austin , Department of Government Ph.D. Political Science August 2015 The University of Notre Dame B.A., Political Science, May 2004
REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	“State Capacity, Bureaucratic Politicization, and Corruption in the Brazilian State,” (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor). <i>Governance</i> , forthcoming. “The Merits of Problem-Solving over Powering: Governance Reform in Brazil and Argentina,” 2016. <i>Comparative Politics</i> , 48(2): 205–225. “Measuring Governance: Implications of Conceptual Choices” 2014. <i>European Journal of Development Research</i> 26(1): 124–141 (with Sandra Botero). “Identifying Transparency” 2013. <i>Information Polity</i> 18(3) 233–242 (with Robert G. Michener).
REFEREED BOOK CHAPTER	“Bureaucratic Capacity and Political Autonomy within National States: Mapping the Archipelago of Excellence in Brazil” (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew Taylor). Forthcoming. <i>States in the Developing World</i> , edited by Miguel Angel Centeno, Atul Kohli, and Deborah Yashar (with Dinsha Mistree), Cambridge University Press.
MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION	“When Democracies Deliver: Government Contracting in Latin America”
WORKING PAPERS AND OTHER PROJECTS	“The Politics of Partisanship in the Brazilian Civil Service” (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor). <i>Under review</i> . “Neoliberalism, the Left, and Chinese Infrastructure Development in Latin America” (with Riitta-Ilona Koivumäki). <i>In progress</i> . “Police Patrols or Fire Alarms?: Experimental Evidence from Brazil” Field experiment in partnership with the Controladoria-Geral do Distrito Federal in Brazil. <i>In progress</i> . “Conceptualizing the Quality of Transparency” Working Paper no. 49, Political Methodology Working Paper Series of the IPSA Committee on Concepts & Methods (with Robert G. Michener).

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Winner of the 2015 Best Paper Award, Political Institutions section of the Latin American Studies Association (LAPIS)

National P.E.O. Scholar Award, 2014-15 (\$15,000)

Dwight Eisenhower-Roberts Graduate Fellowship, The Eisenhower Institute, 2013-14 (\$10,000)

David L. Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, 2011-12 (\$24,000)

Fulbright Fellowship (Brazil), Institute of International Education, 2007 (\$16,150)

University of Texas at Austin

Mike Hogg Endowed Fellowship, 2014-15 (\$26,000)

Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, Fall 2012, Spring 2014 (\$19,400)

Macdonald Summer Research Fellowship, 2012, (\$5,000)

Long Dissertation Fellowship, 2011 (declined; \$18,100)

Institute for Qualitative & Mixed Method Research Fellowship, 2010

University of Notre Dame

John J. Kennedy Prize (for best thesis on Latin America), Helen Kellogg Institute, 2004

DATASET PROJECTS [The State Capacity Project](#). Co-director with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork Experience

2012 Argentina (Buenos Aires), Fall, Dissertation fieldwork

2011-2012, Brazil (São Paulo and Brasília), Dissertation fieldwork

2010 Argentina (Buenos Aires), Summer, Pre-dissertation fieldwork

2009 Brazil (São Paulo and Brasília), Summer, Pre-dissertation fieldwork

2007 Brazil (Rio de Janeiro), Fulbright Fellowship

2004 Chile (Linares and Santiago), Summer

Research Assistance

Dr. Kenneth Greene, Political Parties Data Project, Summer 2009

GRANTS

Latin American Studies Association Travel Grant, 2014 (\$600)

Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Award, University of Texas, 2011, 2013 (\$2,000)

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2013 (\$275)

Lozano Long Summer Research Grant, University of Texas, 2010, 2012 (\$3,775)

Tinker Summer Field Research Grant, University of Texas, 2009 (\$1,298)

Professional Development Award, University of Texas, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2014 (\$1200)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“State Capacity, Bureaucratic Politicization, and Corruption in the Brazilian State.” University of Sussex and ESRC Workshop on “Uneven State Building and Democratisation.” London, January 27-28, 2016.

“When Democracies Deliver: Governance Reform in Latin America.” Presented at McGill University, October 2015.

“Brazilian State Reform: Unprecedented Advances and Persistent Challenges.” Presented at Catching Up to the Future? Advances and Challenges in the Politics, Society, and Social Policies of Contemporary Brazil Conference, The Watson Institute, Brown University, November 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

“When Democracies Deliver: Governance Reform in Latin America.” Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Research Seminar, October 2015.

“The Politics of Partisanship in the Brazilian Civil Service.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2014 (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor).

“Political Appointments, State Capacity, and Bureaucratic Virtue in the Brazilian State.” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May 2014 (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor).

“The Merits of Puzzling over Powering: Governance Reform in Brazil and Argentina.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 29-September 1, 2013.

“State Capacity, Bureaucratic Politicization, and Governance Outcomes” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 29-September 1, 2013 (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor).

“State Capacity and Bureaucratic Autonomy within National States: Mapping the Archipelago of Excellence in Brazil” Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2013 (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor).

“Pyrrhic Victories? State Reform in Argentina and Brazil” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, April 2013.

“An Archipelago of Excellence? Autonomous State Capacity among Brazilian Federal Agencies” Paper presented at the Brazilian Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada), Brasília, Brazil, May 2012 (with Sérgio Praça and Matthew M. Taylor).

“Measuring Governance: A Defense of Disaggregation” Paper presented at Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011 (with Sandra Botero).

“Measures of Governance: A Latent Variable Analysis of World Governance Indicators” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL. April 2010 (with Sandra Botero).

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Graduate Level Teaching Assistant

Statistical Analysis I (Fall 2009)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

U.S.-Russian Relations (Spring 2013)

Research Methods in Government (Fall 2010)

International Politics of Latin America (Spring 2010)

The U.S. in Comparative Perspective (Fall 2008)

Law and Social Change in Comparative Perspective (Spring 2009)

American Government (Summer 2009)

Selected Lectures

“Overview of Quantitative Methods,” Honors Thesis Course, Fall 2009

“Statistical Inference” Lectures, Research Methods in Government, Fall 2010

METHODOLOGICAL
TRAINING

IQMR Methods Institute, Syracuse University, June 2010

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research

Summer Statistics Institute, University of Texas at Austin, June 2010
Structural Equation Modeling

COMPUTER SKILLS R, BUGS, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX

FOREIGN LANGUAGES Near fluency Portuguese, advanced Spanish, basic French.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS American Political Science Association
Latin American Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CACI, Arlington, VA, Lead Business Analyst 2004-07; Consulting 2008-09

REFERENCES

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